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"Fetichism in West Africa"  
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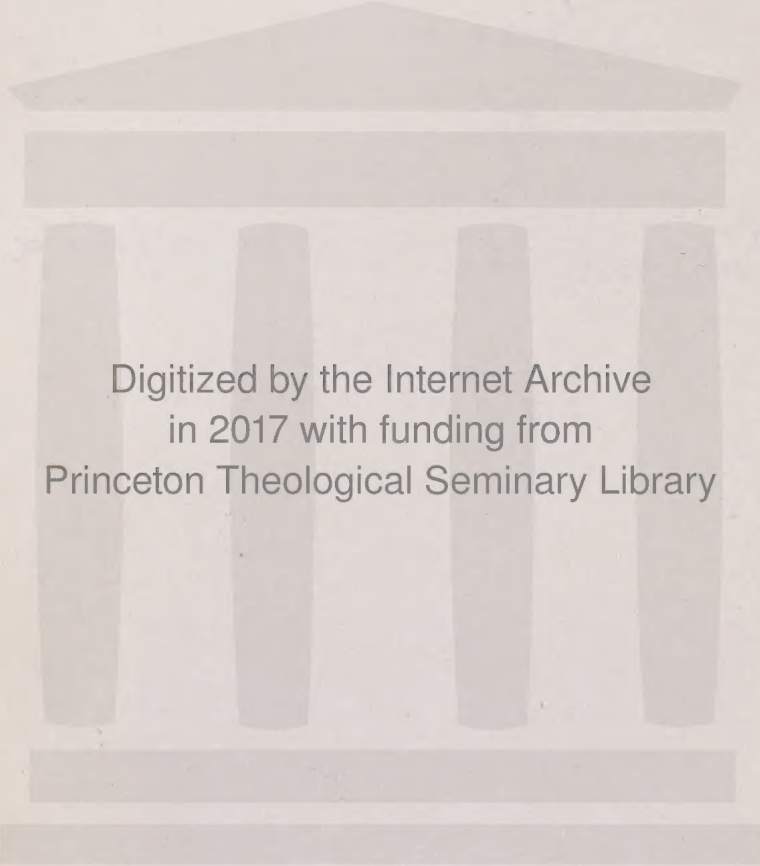
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Robert Hamill Nassau

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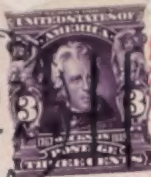
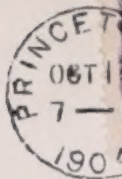
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From

Prof. Wm Libbey D.Sc.



Rev. R. H. Nassau, D. D.,

Batanga, Gaboon,

West Africa.

*Rev. H. Nassau*

Recd, Nov, 30<sup>th</sup> 1904  
Dated Oct 15<sup>th</sup>  
From  
Prof, Libbey

Answer  
[Praising my  
book, "Fetichism"]





Princeton, N. J., October 15th, 1904.

My dear Dr. Nassau : -

I want to congratulate you on the appearance of your book. I received a copy a day or two ago, with a pleasant inscription from yourself, which adds to its value in my estimation. I certainly can have a share in the rejoicing at its publication, since I had so much to do in urging you to bring these stories of African superstition into book form. The book itself is very attractively gotten up, and does great credit to the publishers; and you already know my estimate of the contents of the book.

We have been in our new house for several weeks, and are gradually getting settled down, although there is a great deal to be done yet.

I had a letter from Mr. Hand a short time ago, stating that he thought you would like to have the Review of Reviews, and I wrote him asking him to see that it was sent to your address, and I hope that it will come regularly and be of service to you.

All join me in kind wishes to you, and in the hopes that your health will continue good during this coming stay in Africa.

I am,

Yours very truly,

*William Libbey -*

To -

Rev. R. H. Nassau, D.D.,

Batanga,

Gaboon, West Africa.



Form 397.

RETURN AFTER FIVE DAYS TO

THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

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156 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK.



Rev. Robt W. Nassau, D.D.,  
Batanga,  
Kamerun,  
W. Africa.

Recd. Feb'y 11 1905  
Dated Dec. 10 1904

from  
Avery Brown  
(with of his  
favorable  
critique)

on  
"Fetichism"]

Answer



(Enclosed)

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useful service for God and for his fellow-men, he quietly fell asleep in his own home and among his loved ones, his life's work done and well done. The heritage of such a life is rich indeed. May God raise up a worthy successor to take his place in the councils of the Board.

Enc.

Cordially yours,

William J. Brown



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OFFICE OF SECRETARY

December 10th., 1904.

The Rev. Robert H. Nassau, D.D.,

Batanga, Kamerun, W. Africa.

My dear Dr. Nassau:

I have often thought of you since you returned to the field. I hope you arrived safely and in good health.

I have recently had very great pleasure in reading your book "Fetichism in West Africa". I enclose a review in the Pittsburg Banner of November 3, 1904. I have just written a review myself for publication in the New York Observer. It may be two or three weeks yet before it will be published and I enclose a copy herewith:-

We are in deep sorrow here by reason of the death of the Rev. William M. Paxton, D.D., LL.D., the senior member of the Board. He had been a member of the Board since 1861 and during those forty-three years had shown himself a man of unusual ability, breadth of sympathy, soundness of judgment and fervor of missionary conviction. You doubtless know that he was for seventeen years pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of New York City, and that under his leadership that congregation became famous for its large gifts to missions. In 1883 he became professor in Princeton Theological Seminary where he remained until his death the morning of November 28th, at the advanced age of nearly eighty-one. He was a man of rare sweetness and beauty of Christian character and we sorely miss him. He was the Chairman of the Committee of the Board which nominated me to the Secretaryship nearly ten years ago and on my arrival in New York he was kind enough to take a deep personal interest in me. I was frequently in his home and I came to love him as a father. And yet we ought not to mourn his departure for he lived to a good old age and after an eminently



Rev R. Hamel, Kassar, S.T.D.

American Mission!

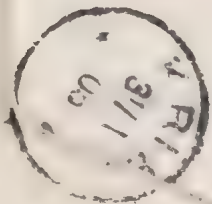
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Kamerun

South West Africa.

Recd. Feby 11 1908-  
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from  
Eleanor Nash

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H. SCHNELLE, HOF-TRAITEUR.



My Fetiche [unclear]





GRAND UNION-HOTEL, DRESDEN

H. SCHNELLE, HOF-TRAITEUR

Bismarck-Platz, am Hauptbahnhof.

TELEGRAMME: UNIONHOTEL, DRESDEN.

8 January 1905

Dear Uncle -

We had hoped to have  
a letter from you from England  
or else from some other point  
en route but knowing that your  
list of correspondents is a long  
one we were not surprised  
at not hearing from you then -  
but as time goes on I can  
not help wondering why we do not  
have the promised letters - All  
our letters are so promptly  
forwarded from both Springfield  
and Burlington - that I cannot

make our stay <sup>(3)</sup> there pleasant. It  
was gratifying to me to be able  
to state - "There is a book - my black  
has sent - not to be obtained in  
America and one which King  
Leopold tried to suppress". Thank  
you many times \_\_\_\_\_

I hope your trip Eastward and Southwest  
was most comfortable and pleasant.

By this time you are probably  
enjoying summer heat - are re-  
laxing rather with winter blues.

I am sure you must have enjoyed  
the warm welcome promised for -  
It is very different it all  
must be - even travelling in

Europe gives us such new impressions &  
makes us feel like picking  
ourselves up again to see if we have

alien - or dreaming - as yet  
the people are all while and  
we see still in so called civilization  
- and what comforts we meet do  
well compensate for by others we do not  
have at home - The day,  
however, just a little surprised at  
finding ourselves in here - The  
suggestion of a year abroad at  
first seemed a mere castle in  
the air - but in medicine, took  
form and though at the last -  
ten days before sailing - I was  
most unwilling to take the step -  
of definitely engaging our state room  
- and paying the passage money -  
- we finally made the decision  
- The air was cast -  
He had a delightful voyage  
- The ocean was of the middle

(2)  
when my word from you has  
been lost either by road or by  
rail. The postal facilities are  
wonderful — Mabel receives here  
in Dresden a letter posted in  
Washington nine or ten days before  
that seems real — rapid transit surely  
especially in winter —

I have not written again to you  
myself and I am sorry — for I  
wish to send my "bestest love"  
for your most kind response to  
my inquiry in regard to the Congo  
Free State — I was delighted with  
the book and most pleased by  
your kind assistance to be of  
such service to the friends who have  
done so much in opening eyes to





GRAND UNION-HOTEL, DRESDEN

H. SCHNELLE, HOF-TRAITEUR

Bismarck-Platz, am Hauptbahnhof.

TELEGRAMME: UNIONHOTEL, DRESDEN.

Variety and none of us were  
all - Annelle's cousin Herr Robert  
Joss - a brother of the one you  
met first at the Post office telegraph  
two days before we sailed that  
he would cross with us - He  
travels in Dresden with us - does  
his shopping on his week to week  
He talks of going to Egypt or Japan  
- & may start before long -  
See then our little party will  
have again - its first - symmetrical  
proportion - Four makes a very  
pleasant number - for  
stoppage, etc, in Hannover.  
(With a visit to quaint old Hildesheim)

between the British Isles & France —

— And now here I am dipping  
into the future and news telling  
you how much we have enjoyed  
fétichism in West Africa — One  
is an English copy we sent for  
through a bookseller — About the  
time it arrived she noticed in a  
Ferreus daily — a short account  
of your book — which she gave us  
— and which Mother forwarded to  
you — The following Sunday at  
the American Church — a visiting  
clergyman made mention of this  
article — drawing some lessons  
from it. — When through the rectors  
wife he learned that we were  
related to the author he asked  
to be presented — wishing to hear  
more of you — and of the book.

— I am afraid the Outlooks will  
not reach you regularly — We do  
not get them for a month having  
written to the Outlook not to forward  
them while we were in transit —  
— Then they came all at once <sup>in a bundle</sup>  
— with a magazine number missing  
— The people in the hotel here are  
so eager to read them some of  
the Americans I mean — that unless  
we hurry them right off they  
get a little worn I fear

I sent you a little volume  
at Christmas time — It will reach  
you very late — but it carries  
much love — — I hope you will  
find some pleasure in it & the ~~length~~  
it. With much love I am all  
yours Affectionately Yours Maria  
Much love to Auntie & the dear family

our address for the year  
Care Bank of Scotland  
19 Bishopscourt Street, Brighton, E.C.

on our way here & travelling in  
winter is more or less income  
and we all love Dresden - we  
might go on to Italy to be sure  
but - the season there has been <sup>almost</sup>  
the procedure in its security and  
- ~~some~~ one is better protected  
from cold - in a northern country  
where they prepare for it and  
expect it than in the South where  
they <sup>or write</sup> have so little of it that it  
does not enter largely into their  
plans and provisions for comfort -  
— A little later we shall go  
South via Munich and back to  
— to the Italian Lake Garda -  
— There we plan to give  
three months to Italy & Sicily  
— a month to Switzerland.  
— & to divide the rest over for



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Rev R. A. Hassan L.S.

Batangas

Trust Office

Recd. Feb'y 20<sup>th</sup> 1905  
Dated, Jan'y 3<sup>rd</sup>

from  
Mr.  
Irvine

IRVINE & DUNDAS  
34 CASTLE STREET  
LIVERPOOL

[In praise of my  
Fetichism]

Amos



IRVINE & DUNDAS.

TELEGRAMS:  
"APATIM" LIVERPOOL

TELEPHONE  
206 CENTRAL.

34 Castle Street,  
Liverpool 3rd Jan. 1905.

Rev. R. H. Nassau, D. D.,  
Batanga,  
West Africa.

Dear Dr. Nassau:-

Just a few lines to say that I hope you have arrived out in comfort and in health and found that your work has not gone back during your absence in America.

I want also to say that I have had very much pleasure in reading your recently issued book on "Fetichism", and that has led me to desire to read any other of the books you have published if I knew their names, and where they are to be had. I have one you gave me twenty years ago, "Crowned in Palm Land"; I think that is the title, but I am dictating at my office and cannot quite recall it, you will, however, of course, know the one I mean, but any other of your books I shall obtain and expect much pleasure from.

Wishing you all the compliments of the season.

I am, dear Dr. Nassau,

Yours very truly,

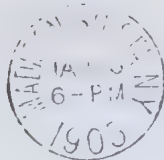
James Irvine

From  
my cousin,  
Mr. Samuel M<sup>c</sup>. Hamill.



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Rev. Dr. Robert Hamill Nassau,

*Batanga,*

*Kamerun*

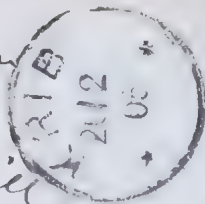
*Go American Pres. Mission, W. A.*

Recd Feb'y 27<sup>th</sup> 1905  
dated Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> 1904

From

Loewen

Gen. Hamill



Arrive  
[Praise of my  
"Fetichism"]

GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY

PRINCIPAL OFFICE  
SCHENECTADY, N. Y.

Schenectady, N. Y., Dec. 13, 1904.

Rev. Dr. Robert Hamill Nassau,

My dear Cousin Hamill:-

You may be interested in the enclosed copy of order to Charles Scribner's Sons. I am sending your book to a number of my friends, together with my Christmas greetings. To some of them I am giving a little sketch of your work.

I dined the other evening with Arthur Scribner and he told me that your book has been very favorably criticised. They themselves have been very much interested in it.

I have been very much interested in it and am indebted to you for giving me the pleasure I have experienced in reading it.

I regret very much that I did not see more of you when in this country. I heard recently that you were in the Adirondacks, quite near us. If I had known it I would most assuredly have written you to stop over here on your return South.

Walter Lowrie of China was here the other Sunday and gave us a splendid talk on the subject of his work in China. I knew him when a boy and he is the only fellow with whom I ever roomed so that I was particularly interested in seeing him.

Charles N. Lowrie has been here frequently of late in connection with some landscape work which he is doing for us. He is a fine fellow and through him I have kept pretty close track of you.

There has been little change in this country since you left. The Presidential election was a tremendous surprise to all

Schenectady, N. Y., Dec. 12, 1904.

Charles Scribner's Sons,  
153 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

Gentlemen:-

Will you kindly enter my order for fifteen copies of the book on Fetish by F. Hamill Nassau, published by you, and send them to the following addresses, charging the books, together with all mail or express charges to me:

Rev. A. Russell Stevenson, 6 Union St., Schenectady, N. Y.

Rev. Henry W. Maier, 1207 Union St., Schenectady, N. Y.

J. C. Peasley, Esq., 309 Huron St., Chicago, Ill.

R. M. Green, Esq., Burlington, Ia.

J. W. Blythe, Esq., Burlington, Ia.

Rev. Wilton Merle Smith, 29 W. 54th St., New York City.

Rev. Dr. A. V. V. Raymond, President of Union College, Schenectady, N. Y.

Woodrow Wilson, LL.D., President of Princeton University, Princeton, N. J.

Caryl D. Haskins, Esq., c/o General Electric Co., Schenectady, N. Y.

W. L. R. Emmet, Esq., c/o General Electric Co., Schenectady, N. Y.

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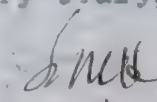
Gen. Charles L. Davis, 23 Front St., Schenectady, N. Y.

Hon. Byron T. Herrick, Governor of Ohio, Cleveland, Ohio, "Personal"

Hon. John Hay, Secretary of State, Washington, D. C., "Personal".

Yours very truly,

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of us. We knew that Roosevelt would be elected but we had no idea he would be elected by such an overwhelming majority. I hope it will not spoil him.

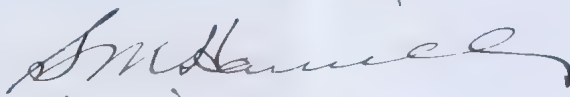
If I only knew how to send you a set of his works I would do so. I can afford the cost of the works but whether I can afford to send them all the way to Africa, I am unable to state. Suppose you let me know.

Brigadier General Charles L. Davis is now living in Schenectady with his wife and daughter and is quite an addition to our society. Schenectady has grown from 18,000, when I came here, to 60,000 and is now quite a city.

General Davis is interested in the Hamill family history and he and I have been looking up some family charts which will be of interest to you. I am sending you one under another cover and you no doubt will be interested in it. This is not complete and is now being revised and brought down to date.

Believe me, with a great deal of love and affection,

Yours very sincerely,

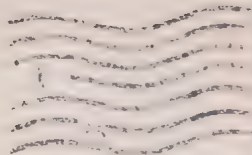
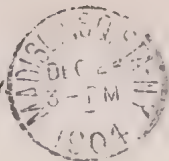


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Rev. Robert Hamill Nassau, M.D.,

~~Libreville~~

~~Gabon~~

*Batanga*

~~Kongo Francaise~~

South West

Africa

Recd. Mar. 11 1905  
Dated Dec. 11 1904

From  
Rev. J. E. H. H. H. H. H.

Arrival



Please forward

copy  
along  
letter  
stickers

Rev R. Hamill Nassau M.D, STD.  
C/o Mess Charles Scribners Sons  
153-157, Fifth Avenue  
New York  
U. S. A.



10 Allan Park Stirling  
11 Dec 1934

My dear Dr Nassau

When I saw your book on "<sup>adventured</sup> Etichim  
in West Africa" I <sup>so</sup> lost time in getting it  
and have now read it with great  
pleasure - It has just occurred to me  
that while I have kept always remem-  
bering you - you with your more stirring  
and fuller life may very well have  
forgotten me - I met you repeatedly in  
my Uncle's <sup>rather than I am, say, there at the time</sup> Glasgow - My Uncle was  
George Thomson who went out to the  
West Coast of Africa later and died  
there - I recall on one occasion you & I  
together were out at Murray place paying  
an <sup>evening</sup> call on my other Uncle Mr Alex-  
ander Thomson and coming home - having  
through a blunder of mine - necessitated  
you to walk nearly the whole distance -  
and you had a sprain -

Until this book came out the last  
point I had heard of you was - all  
places in the world - in the Orkney islands

In the summer of 1893 my wife and I  
spent a month on the island of Sanday  
and the pier master there had been on  
the West Coast of Africa and knew  
me - It is 11 years ago I am sorry  
I say I have forgotten his name. We  
were about to sail to Doon and then  
of the Orkney Isles and the boat was  
somewhat late the pier master  
kindly asked us into his house - I  
saw "Crowned in Palm Land" - &  
that led to friendships - known

I do not know anything of our  
family history during the long inter-  
val since I, at any rate, have heard  
anything of you & yours directly -  
My Aunt Emily passed away in  
March 1901 - My Cousin Miss Jessie  
Thomson still stays on in Kirkcubright  
with her niece my Cousin William's  
daughter - He as you remember died  
shortly after my Uncle John - Helms-  
burgh is a suburb of Glasgow about  
twenty five miles down the river Clyde  
and a very pretty place - However

\* The University of St Andrews gave me a Doctorate of Divinity

as her niece Maggie is about to go out  
to Calcutta & get married. I do not  
know how Jessie will get on. Of my  
Uncle Alexander's family the eldest has  
married a Mr Forrest a Glasgow man  
of the other two daughters  
are married and live at "Newland"  
a suburb of Glasgow - The older  
son has got into a capital business  
as an architect - Michael the younger  
son became an engineer & died  
leaving a widow & one child - Kate  
the youngest daughter is still unmarried  
My Uncle John's widow married again  
and is a second time a widow

As to myself I have been somewhat  
of an author - I wrote a book on Lewis  
entitled "Books of influence on Lord & his apostles"  
apocalyptic literature, which was well  
received also a commentary on the  
book of Daniel - I was for some  
years a missionary in Palestine  
but have now retired and am  
staying in Sterling &

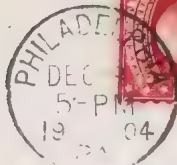
I was greatly interested in  
your book on Felichim as it is =

called some conversations I had  
with you on the subject. I remem-  
ber when a student in D Caird's  
~~flask~~ class in Glasgow. I told  
him that the Fetishism of Hegel  
and Comte - or for that matter  
of Haeckel - did not exist on the  
West Coast of Africa. Quite re-  
cently I read Chubb & Co's  
Lecture on 'The Making  
of Religion' and he had been  
led to take the view of Fetishism  
that you advocate.

I shall send this to your London  
publisher in the hope that he  
will be able to forward it to you.  
Please let me know about yourself  
when you find time. How is your  
sister? I last saw her in Liverpool.

Believe me

Yours sincerely  
J. D. H. Newman.



GERMANTOWN  
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*Rev. L. H. Nassau D.D.M.D.*

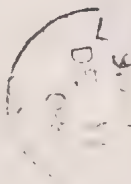
*Mission American Batanga*

*Via Kamerun*



Recd Mar. 6' 1905  
Dated Dec 1904

from  
Mrs  
T. E. Nance



[Keep] Arrive

piece of my  
"Fetichism"

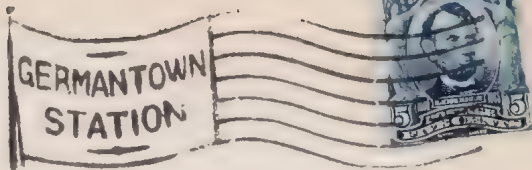
position. I pray he may  
be secure & very anxious for it.  
I hope you will see your way  
clear to stay with your own  
family & your children & me.  
Truly you have been a greatly  
valuable & useful man, but  
have been sick. It's  
a case of off again,  
on again, gone again.  
Linnigan - Kenneth -  
and Gifford this  
time - I am all right  
now more and as  
good as well - whilst

consulting your book  
 afforded me a great  
 amount of information  
 and instruction. I  
 am proud to be a  
 contributor ~~to~~ <sup>and</sup> land of  
 yours. It is a great  
 work and one  
 so close for unity  
 who have grown for  
 nation and its  
 interests and per-  
 fectness being ~~more~~

three fine copies to make  
 the first copy of the  
 copy with the original of the first  
 reading. To make the second  
 to make the third. I  
 can only hope the former  
 success of the copy of the letter  
 may be the first interest.  
 From English and Spanish  
 (Chambers letter to the) by  
 some available to the

to Mrs. Swanwick ahead of  
me so I returned it to  
her, we bring the loss  
of the last. I am in  
hopes that you will  
hear shortly of Charles  
appointment to the Pres.  
byterian hospital. Will  
has gone to see Gen. Ed.  
man on his behalf - he  
in turn will see Governor  
Will also saw Holliman  
Patton and Charles has  
seen 2000 - 2000 - as far  
hopes between them yet  
he will have a letter





Rev. Robert Hamill Nassau  
~~Libreville~~

~~Gabon~~

Mission Américain, W. Africa

Batanga via Kamerou

Recd. March 6<sup>th</sup> 1905

Dated Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> 1904

from

Rev. R. E. Edman



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,  
GERMANTOWN, PA.

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Friend  
[Provide of my  
"Fetichism"  
"My Life"]



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.  
GERMANTOWN, PA.

Dear Dr. Nassau:

It is not often  
that I must confess such  
painful negligence as I  
have shown in reference to  
your great kindness. Long  
ago I should have written  
to you in acknowledgment of  
your excellent likeness  
and your most valuable  
book. I just waited  
until I had read every page  
of the book - and then I  
waited for an opportunity  
to see Mr. Hamill. The  
little privilege was offered  
me at a meeting of the  
Board of Directors, Princeton

Seminary - but a strange  
turn of affairs made it im-  
possible for me to speak with  
him. The Mr. & Mrs. Hamill  
promised to dine with us  
on Friday night, ten days  
ago - but in the afternoon  
a despatch told us of  
Mrs. Hamill's temporary  
illness. Again last  
Wednesday we were to meet  
at Prof. Libbey's in Princeton  
- & were disappointed -  
Well, - I had hoped that  
we might have found by  
this time something of  
interest to communicate,  
and am ashamed to  
confess our failure -  
However, I can write  
this line to assure you  
of my affection & your

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,  
GERMANTOWN, PA.

Kind remembrance - and  
to express my admiration  
of your remarkable book.

I am presenting a  
copy to our Young People's  
Society at the Annual  
meeting tonight - and  
three other copies next  
week to friends as  
Christmas remembrances -

The book will accomplish  
much good - and be  
great service in the Master's  
cause.

Your son Charles  
has applied for the position  
of surgeon in the Presbyterian  
Hospital. I have found



Much pleasure in  
cordially commending  
him to ~~the~~ members  
of the Board of Trustees.  
There seem to be other  
applicants - but we are  
doing all we can.

Mrs. Edman and the  
little ones are all  
well - send you  
the seasons best wishes  
and an affectionate greeting -

Cordially.  
Chas. F. Edman

12-12-04.

Form 40.

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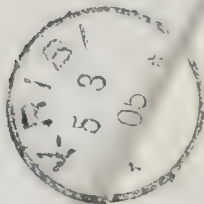
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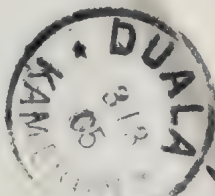
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West Africa.

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from  
Lucy Brown



[Praise of me  
"Fetichism"]



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Jan. 30th, 1905.

The Rev. R. H. Nassau, D. D.,

Batanga, Kamerun, West Africa.

My dear Dr. Nassau:-

I enclose a review of your book "Fetichism in West Africa" which appeared in "The New York Times" of January 14th. I hear the book very favorably spoken of.

The Twelfth Annual Conference of the Representatives of the Foreign Missions Boards of the United States and Canada has recently been held in New York. Officers and members from all the leading Boards of both countries were present and the Conference was interesting and helpful to an unusual degree. The papers were carefully prepared and the discussions were frank and full. Of course you will receive in due time a printed copy of the proceedings. Some very serious problems were considered. It is hardly possible to state yet what conclusions will ultimately be reached on some of these problems, but we are feeling our way along trying to learn by experience. A distinct advance movement was the discussion on the appointment of a general committee on Reference and Arbitration. The purpose is to bring the various boards into closer co-operation. As a member of that Committee I have a special interest in it and we earnestly hope that some practicable benefit to the whole work will result. Organic union may yet be a long distance in the future, but I hail as a favorable sign of the times every movement toward closer fellowship, and I feel that whenever we have a chance to bring our work into more effective and harmonious relations, we ought to take advantage of it.

Cordially yours,

Enc.

A. J. Brown



The Rev. Robert Hamill Nassau, D. D.

Batanga

West Africa.



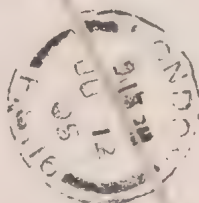
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Dated June 5

from

Rev D. S. F. Lavin

Complimentary L. Receipt,  
of my "Fetichism"  
Vancouver



1821 Pine St Philadelphia Pa

June 5. 1905

To the  
Rev Robert Hamilton Nassau, D.D.  
Batanga, W. Africa.

My dear Dr. Nassau:

I interested me very much  
in your new book and a book in the series;  
& when it was published I was glad to meet with  
several printed notices of it that were warmly appre-  
ciative of its value. I procured a copy as soon as I could.  
This was at the same time your second of Feb, where you told me  
that you had sold all my first supply & I had to wait until  
they trickled more. I promptly & studiously read the work, with  
great interest & have found it very informing & instructive.  
For I was in the class that you have found entertaining views of  
the religion of the African races that needed such correction as  
you have given. These notions were too purely contempt-  
uous. You teach us that Fetishism is religion radically  
deep & all pervasive in its surface growth. We must dis-  
miss our contempt. But in what alternative shall we  
name the religion that takes the place of it? I cannot  
call it respect except by a stretch of expression. I am  
also reluctant to use that word, because those who miss  
the point what is called comparative religion use it in a sense  
that accords false religions a respectability that Christianity  
denies. Paul had no respect for the idolatrous religions of  
the Gentiles, & conceded no respectability to them. But he.

was far from treating them with contempt. He treated them with the utmost seriousness; & that is incompatible with contempt. He said: "they worship demons"; & he said: "We wrestle against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in heavenly places." I have noted with great satisfaction that such has been your way in your ministry, & that your book impressively teaches the same to all.

But in reading your book I have constantly thought of you, with wonder at the grace of God that disposed you to spread the gospel in the ears of the Africans, & that has sustained you, & has caused you to see cheering results of conversion. For all this I am devoutly thankful to God in Y<sup>t</sup>. And when thinking this way I equally associate with you Miss Nassau. And when I reflect how impossible it ever would have been for me to dare such things, I feel now great is the debt we, your fellow believers, owe to you for doing what ought to be done by the Church in the name of One who died for all.

My simple object in writing now was to thank you for your book, & to express the hope that there may come to you many evidences of its doing good. Among these evidences may there be what I am sure you will value most, I mean a vast increase of effort & means to further the evangelization of Africa, for which you have been ready to lay down your life. Truly  
Yours truly  
John T. Rowe.

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Rev. Robert H. Nassau, M. A., D. D.,  
Batanga,  
Kameruns,  
West Africa,  
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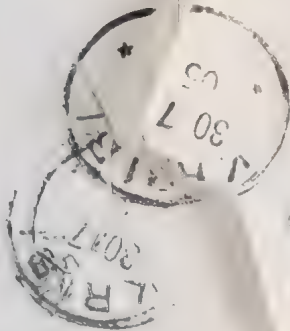
Recd. July 31<sup>st</sup> 1905.

Dated June 26<sup>th</sup>

From

Dr. J. Brown

Arrived  
Praise of my book, "Fetichism",  
As to my resignation,





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June 26th, 1905.

The Rev. Robert H. Nassau, M. D., D. D.,  
Batanga, Kameruns, West Africa.

My dear Dr. Nassau:-

The pressure incident to the close of our fiscal year is as you know always heavy. I have the privilege of correspondence with thirteen missions and four hundred and fifty missionaries, and this means of course a great amount of official correspondence and much labor in handling estimates and making out new appropriations, studying and presenting to the Board the minutes of the annual meetings of missions and writing the letters which they call for, preparing reports for the General Assembly, etc. Then came the General Assembly itself, taking ten days and this was soon followed by the annual conference with newly appointed missionaries taking ten days more, and that in turn by what I might call an itinerating trip to Indiana. Amid all there have been articles to write and many speeches to deliver on various occasions and various places. However, I have kept up promptly all my correspondence with the missions and every request from the field requiring attention by the Board has been immediately attended to. But my personal correspondence with individual missionaries has become somewhat congested, so that I now am rather dismayed to find that I have not yet acknowledged your letters of February 18th, March 17th and May 4th. Each letter, however, was read immediately on its arrival.

It is a pleasure to know that you are so gratified by my review of your book. I have re-read several parts of the book since I wrote you, and my original impression as to its value has only been strengthened. It is admirable in every way.

We appreciate the perplexity of the questions to which you refer in your two later letters. Dr. Halsey did not complete his report until last week. A meeting of the Africa Committee was immediately called, the Committee having recently been enlarged by the admission of several additional members. The Committee met the 22nd instant and considered quite a number of the matters referred to in the Minutes of the Annual Meeting, and the report of Dr. Halsey. Of course it was ~~not~~ easy to reach conclusions on most of them and those conclusions will be sent to the field in a mission letter as soon as they are passed upon by the Board at its next meeting. Of course the Board may change them in some respects, but they will go in the form finally adopted.

There was a long discussion of the questions raised by your resignation. The Committee felt, however, that the issues were too large and serious to be hastily decided. There was a very manifest feeling on the part of all to consider the matter from the view-point of your interest as well as from the view-point of the mission. The Committee did not appear to feel that the way was clear to close the matter at that meeting and so it was deferred for further consideration at a meeting to be held in the fall after the members of the Committee return from their vacations. This will mean that the Board can take no action until the third Monday in September as that will be the first meeting after the vacation season, and it is quite possible that action will not be taken until the following meeting which will be held the first Monday in October. You may be sure, my dear Doctor, that we shall move carefully in this matter with due regard to all the interests that are involved. The members of the Committee who expressed themselves on the subject feel as I do and as Dr. Halsey and all my colleagues feel that your long and honorable service in the mission field entitled you to the utmost consideration.

I am concerned <sup>about</sup> ~~by~~ the health of your beloved sister. I fear



from reports that she is far from well. Will you not give my kindly salutations to her. I am glad to know that you and she remain together at Batanga. It is evident from Dr. Halsey's Report that it was expedient to make a good many changes at Batanga, but personally I feel that someone ought to be there, and I am glad that you and Miss Nassau are on the ground to look after the various interests that are involved, while the question of its future is being worked out.

We have recently received the Mission cable regarding the return of Mr. Kerr, and it will be presented to the Board at the first opportunity. Especial consideration was given to the desire of Dr. McMillan to return to the field and careful inquiry was made in the communities in this country where he has lived since his return from Africa. Nothing developed reflecting upon his Christian character, but it appeared to be the consensus of opinion that it would not be wise to appoint him to Africa and the Home Department Secretary was obliged to write to him to that effect.

Just now the excitement over the impending close of the Russia-Japan war is absorbing the attention not only of Washington, but of the whole country. You doubtless know from the newspapers that you get from home that President Roosevelt, with characteristic straight-forwardness, wrote to the Governments of Japan and Russia his earnest desire and the earnest desire of the whole world that the slaughter of war should cease, and that the two belligerent powers should enter upon direct negotiations with one another for the establishment of peace. Japan made a prompt and wholly satisfactory reply. Russia, as usual, made a reply which appeared to be somewhat evasive. However, both Governments have now agreed to appoint plenipotentiaries and they are to meet here in Washington the first of August. Everybody praises President Roosevelt, and telegraphic dispatches from Europe indicate that his accomplishment in this direction has centered upon him the attention of the whole civil-

ized world. It is regarded as a great thing that the American Government should have taken the initiative in this matter and the result will surely be to enhance the influence of our country abroad.

Just what the outcome will be, however, it is difficult yet to state. Efforts to bring about an armistice have failed and so far as we can judge from the closely censored dispatches from Manchuria, another great battle has already begun. It is plain that the Japanese do not trust the sincerity of the Russians and that they are not disposed to sacrifice the military advantage of their position until peace negotiations have been formally begun in Washington. Japan has bitter reason to distrust the Slav, and the tenor of the Russian replies to President Roosevelt's overtures gives some ground for the continuance of that distrust. Still, while another great battle is evidently to be fought, all indications point ~~not~~ to the early close of the war. The defeat of Russia has not only been decisive, but overwhelming. There is something fascinating and yet something appalling in the crushing overthrow of the Russian fleet by Admiral Togo. It is generally considered the greatest naval battle in history and the amazing thing of it is that a fleet which in its material equipment was regarded by naval experts as equal to the Japanese fleet, should have been practically annihilated with virtually no loss at all to the Japanese fleet.

We have every reason to thank God over the result, for Russia stands for despotism not only political but intellectual and religious, while Japan, with all her faults, stands for the open door in the far East. The triumph of Russia would have closed Korea to the outside world and would have retarded for centuries the development of China. But the victory of Japan means that Korea and North China will be more widely open than ever before to the great transforming influences of the

(Nassau).

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modern world and to the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. And so we have still another reason for saying that God reigns.

Please remember me cordially to your sister. May God lovingly bless you both.

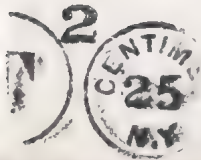
Affectionately yours,

A. J. Brown



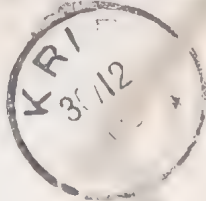


Rev. R. H. Hassan S. J. D.  
American Mission  
Batanga-Kamerun  
South West Africa





Recd. Jan. 30 1904  
dated Nov. 24 1903  
from Mrs. E. W. Nash



Grand

[Sympathy]



R

The Earle  
103 Waverly Place  
New York City.

My dear Brother,

Your good letter of Aug 25<sup>th</sup> should have had a more prompt answer. It followed me about and did not reach me until our arrival in America. We were specially interested in the news it contained in regard to Mary's coming to New York. I waited, therefore, to get her address and to have an opportunity of seeing her before writing. We finally met a few days ago, as she took dinner with us. We think her

such a sweet attractive girl and shall hope to see her frequently. She seems very busy and happy in her studies, and I've no doubt she has been wise in the selection of her future vocation.

It amused me to find that little Mary had outgrown her cousin Mabel as she is taller, and slight, graceful figure accentuates the difference.

I regret to say I have never received the copy of the "Westminster" containing an account of the "march across the athletic field," but Mabel read it in Princeton and I will get it to read as soon as I can.

The newspaper may still be forwarded to me from London. We became very tired of our European wanderings and returned home sooner than we intended, and so there was a little confusion in regard to our mail.

It seems incomprehensible to me that the younger missionaries are not glad to profit, in many ways, by the experience of those who have been as long in the field as you and Sister Bella. The deference due to age and experience does not seem to be properly given at home or any where else by the present generation - and this lack must, I should think, have as bad an effect on

on the natives as it does on the young people in this country.

In the Outlook, I am sending you will find a programme of the Inter-Church Conference and also one of the Federation of Church Clubs - which may interest you. The ~~little~~ <sup>like</sup> flags ~~were~~ inclosed one, were passed in the audience so that all present could wear them during the evening. Is it not time for the churches to take up the work of Federation and Civic Righteousness more strenuously? —

Mabel and I are spending the winter in New York, so that she can study and do some settlement work. We are



boarding in a little Apartment Hotel. Eleanor who cannot live in a large city, on account of her asthma, is in Springfield on a visit with Miss Fors. We hope to arrive during the winter to some conclusion about getting a home somewhere in Berkshire, Massachusetts, as Eleanor is better in the country than elsewhere.

Mabel was visiting last month in Philadelphia at Dr. Keen's - you may have heard of him as he is the well known brain specialist. While there, she saw Bessie and the new baby. She also called on Charlie at his office, seeing him



there as well as at a dinner at Dr  
Keen's, to which of course Bessie  
could not go. It seems Brother  
that your branch is the only one  
to perpetuate the family name. I  
am particularly pleased that a  
son has come to Charlie.

Hoping that you and Sister  
Bella will not overwork yourselves  
towards the close of your work  
in Africa, and that your prepa-  
rations will go satisfactorily  
I am, with loving Christmas  
greetings and many good wishes  
for the coming year for you and  
Sister Bella  
November 24<sup>th</sup> 1905

Lovingly your sister  
Ellen P. Nassau